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Work begins on Dunn Field cleanup remedy: Groundwater monitoring wells to be installed

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – The Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence and its contractors will install seven off-site groundwater monitoring wells in the Memphis Depot community this summer. The data collected from the wells will be used to design and monitor the groundwater cleanup remedy for Dunn Field.

Work is scheduled to occur between mid-May and the end of June in the following areas:

- *One well near the railroad tracks in the field west of Rozelle Street*
- *Five wells near the rail road tracks on Memphis Light, Gas, and Water property south east of Menager Road and east of Meadowhill Street*
- *One well near the intersection of Sparks Street and Dempster Avenue*

The Memphis Depot Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team (BCT) will use the data from these wells to assist in the design of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) and ensure it is working properly.

A PRB is an underground wall, filled with iron particles, that allows the affected groundwater beneath Dunn Field to pass through. As the water flows through the iron particles naturally break down the chemicals in the groundwater. The chemicals become safe compounds that degrade over time.

ProSonic Corporation will drill boreholes and install the monitoring wells under the direction of the Depot's contractor, MACTEC. MACTEC will collect groundwater samples from the wells. The Depot anticipates drilling no more than two days at each well location and the team will make every effort to minimize noise and disturbance to the community.

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